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This Windmill "De Hoop" was built in 1801 in Hellevoetsluis. It replaced an older, dilapidated Windmill, that was built in 1697 and was on the site where presently the "Jan Blanken Drydock" is located. The old Mill was in the way and was promptly demolished. Windmill "De Hoop" is a working flour Mill, which is open to the public on weekends. More on Hellevoetsluis on pages 22 & 23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and its Sub-Clubs for 2023.

January 2023

Thurs 26	<u>Neerlandia Seniors Club</u>	10am
Thurs 26	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Cards</u>	7pm
Mon 30	<u>Billiard Club</u>	9.30 am

Fri 27 **The Maas & Waal Borrel is cancelled**

February 2023

Sunday 5	<u>Sunday Drive</u> <i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i> <i>More details on page 18.</i>	10.30 am
Wed 1,15	<u>Bingo</u>	11am
Mon 6,13,20,27	<u>Billiard Club</u>	9.30 am
Thurs 2,9,16,23	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Cards</u>	7pm
Thurs 9,23	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Sat 4,11,18,25	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills	
Sun 19	<u>Neerlandia Juniors' Club</u> Ice Skating & Dinner	
Fri 24	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> Morley Windmills	6.30pm

March 2023

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Wed 1,15,29	<u>Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 2,9,16,23,30	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Cards</u>	7pm
Thurs 9,23	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Sat 4,11,18,25	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills	
Sun 19	<u>Neerlandia around the World Lunch</u> <i>(More details on page 7)</i>	
Fri 24	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> Myaree	6.30pm

Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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The President's report



Happy New Year to you all. WOW!! How quick time flies. It is already 2 months ago, when we sat down to our Christmas Lunch. It was yet another great celebration enjoyed by all. Please read the full report on pages 13-15.

We have had the Nieuw Jaar's Duik at Floreat Beach on the 1st of January and the Rottneest trip on the

15th January. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all that came along.

Our sub-Clubs start again on Australia Day, Thursday 26th January.

Your Committee is very pleased with the many messages of surprise, support, and thanks for the surprise delivery of our Events Calendar. This was a collaborative effort, but the original idea came from our two newest Committee Members of Helen Levy and Jeannette Kuiper. Thank you to all of our Members, who sent in a communication of some sort, expressing their gratitude for what they received.

It is appreciated and we ask that you keep sending in your comments, suggestions, ideas and yes, even the occasional brick bat, where we get it wrong. We aim to please and our collective efforts are focused on achieving that outcome, Happy and Contented Members. If you are happy with the way Neerlandia operates, please encourage your family and friends to join. Neerlandia is not exclusively for people with a Dutch background. There are many Australians, who have had some form of Dutch connection and would most likely be happy to belong to and participate in the events Neerlandia organises. So, encourage your family and friends to become Members.

Included with this magazine is your Membership renewal form for 2023.

It also allows for new Members to apply for Membership. So, use this form to allow a family Member or friend to become a Member of Neerlandia.

We are heartened by the number of Members who have already paid for the renewal of their Membership. Thank you to all of you who have

sent in their renewal. If you have not done so as yet, we encourage you to complete and return your renewal form together with your payment as soon as possible. I remind you that by being a full financial Member, you gain all the benefits such as discounted prices to our events.

By attending 2 to 3 events, you will have recouped your annual Membership fee.

Could I also encourage all Members to complete the Date of Birth. In essence, all that is really needed is Month and Year of birth. This allows Neerlandia to gain a more accurate age profile of our Membership.

Please keep your events calendar close by within your home. Whilst we have listed all known events, it is possible that an event may be rescheduled, cancelled, or modified. Also New Events, not yet listed in our calendar may come up. Please refer to the inside page of your Neerlandia Magazine for possible changes and note these on your Events calendar.

As always, I encourage Members to remain vigilant with your health. Covid is still in the Community, and it is mutating all the time. Respiratory illnesses can become serious infections if not seen to early enough. Now that our borders are open once again, especially with China, which has had a very unfortunate battle trying to combat CORONA VIRUS, it is always a possibility that a new variant can travel here without any hindrance.

John Zwartkruis, President.

Do you require Assistance?

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, you may become bewildered by the many things you now need to do.

Know, that amongst the Neerlandia Members, there are people, who have the expertise to assist you.

Please contact one of the Neerlandia Committee Members and they will put you into contact with the people, who can assist.

The Neerlandia Committee.

Neerlandia Rottnest Island Day Trip

Neerlandia Juniors Rottnest Island Day Trip.



In 1658, thirteen Dutch sailors from the Waeckende Boey landed for the first time on Rottnest Island. Later, in 1696 Captain Willem de Vlamingh went to Rottnest Island and named the island, Rottnest Island after he mistook the Quokkas for giant rats. In the past few years, a dedicated group of Neerlandia Members have made an annual day trip to the island. Once again, this year on January 15th, a group of Neerlandia Members set foot on Rottnest Island.



So why does Rottnest Island attract this enthusiastic group of Dutchies every year?

Other than the fact Rottnest Island holds historical importance for our Dutch Society, the crystal clear waters, abundant sea life and coral as well as the relaxed atmosphere of Rottnest Island are a drawcard for those of us wanting a

wonderful day out. This year we had some new Members join in for the fun, as well as a lovely couple with a long connection to Rottnest Island. We were fortunate to have John & Nellie Maarsen come with us to the Island. More than 20 years ago, they actively volunteered to plant trees on Rottnest Island, which



L-R: Helen, Rod, Erik, Jessica, Dennis, Melissa & Machiel.



Shakira, Lorelle & Sandra.



Back left clockwise: Kaitlyn, Chloe, Hannah, Clarissa, Damon, Emma, Josh, Justin & Daniel.



Little Parakeet Bay.

Neerlandia Rottnest Island Day Trip

they did over a fifteen year period. We hope to have an article about their experiences in an upcoming magazine article. It was great to see our President John Zwartkruis and Secretary Eric van Waaijenburg come to see us off at the ferry terminal and they both joined us in Fremantle for dinner afterwards.



On arrival on Rottnest Island we collected our rental bikes and met at the Dome Café for a Neerlandia complimentary drink and enjoyed a delicious slice of Dutch Appel Taart, baked by Machiel as well as some home-cooked biscuits, baked by Melissa Sack. As in previous years, our large group of orange-shirted cyclists drew much attention from the other visitors on Rottnest Island. We may have attracted some future Members or visitors to our events, as some other people on

the ferry with a connection or interest in everything Dutch asked for our contact details.

Some exploring of the picturesque bays and a snorkel at the Basin was followed by a wonderful feast of lunch snacks brought in by all the families for us to share whilst enjoying the fabulous views of Thomson Bay, where we sighted a stingray close to the shore but still at a safe distance.

Jessica and Dennis's homemade sausage rolls and Passionfruit and Lemon



Thompson Bay.



Machiel, Josh, Erik, Daniel & Justin at the Basin.



slice were a big hit. Our teenage Members enjoyed some games on the beach and others a swim and a chat. With the afternoon activities drawing to a close we stopped off at the Quokka Arms to listen to the band playing Fleetwood Mac songs and had a quick refreshment, before heading back to Fremantle. The day didn't finish there, as we continued our day's outing by going for dinner at Bar Orient in Fremantle. We were joined there by a few more Neerlandia Members, who hadn't been able to attend on the Island. It was wonderful catching up with so many people. We had a couple of singers amongst our group, who took to the stage for some Karaoke in the front bar. Overall, we had a fantastic day out and a big thank you to Neerlandia for your generous part sponsorship of this event. We hope you enjoy the photos as well as some of the feedback from those who attended. (see the next Page) Remember, ALL are welcome to join in the annual Rottnest Island Day trip, young and old.□

Helen & Machiel.



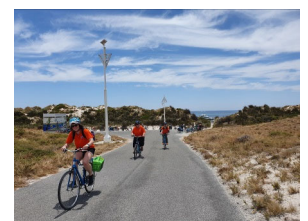
Nellie & John Maarssen.



Emma, Kaitlyn & Chloe.



Cheeky quokkas trying to eat our lunch.



Neerlandia Rottnest Island Day Trip

Testimonials by participants.

Rottnest is a great little rock, as soon as you arrive you are in vacation mode. Disembarking the ferry with a jolly orange army and -of course- everyone getting a bicycle adds a good Dutch touch to that. The sun was out and we had a great time exploring, snorkeling, taking quokka selfies and having too much lunch. Most of us ventured into the Quokka arms for a drink or two and then onto a slightly bouncy ferry ride home. All in all a fantastic day! ~ Dennis & Jessica van Kinderen.



Our family really loved going to Rottnest! It was our second year doing this trip and it was just as amazing as the first. Beautiful beaches as well as the scenery were great to experience and the



quokkas were too cute. It was a great activity to get to know people from the Club whilst having fun. Definitely suitable for all ages. We will definitely be coming next year too!

The Sack Family.



Bar Orient, Karaoke in the front bar.



Other Neerlandia Members joined in Fremantle.



Having fun at Rottnest makes one hungry.



Around the World Lunch – SUNDAY

19 March 2023

Come for another Cultural
Experience and Cuisine from
another part of Europe.

12:30 PM Lunch

Doors open 11:30 AM.

This time we have invited, and hope, our Polish Friends will
join us, so that the Kukuleczka Dancers will entertain us.

Our Menu will be styled on a Polish theme.

**Our surprise lottery will once again be part of proceedings so
be sure to be there.**

Tickets are needed for this event and are available from
John (Jan) Zwartkruis President & Events Coordinator for Neerlandia.

This event is once again subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.

Full Financial Members only \$25.00 and Non (financial) Members \$50.00

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings: Phone John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or

send an email to terjohnz@gmail.com

OR contact any Neerlandia Committee Member listed in the back of this
magazine or your Club-Coordinator.

Bookings can also be requested through neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

The Bingo Page - 1



NEERLANDIA BINGO
Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.

Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: Self Service.
Lunch: A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7.50.

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Players for the 23/11/2022 game of Bingo

We had 41 players on 23/11/2022, a very good turn out and once again two people played for free, they were Nelly van der Heiden and Nellia Pumphrey, well done. The Cadbury Favorite Chocolates went to Mia Boshart and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to Marion Gerritsen, well done to both of you. In one of the games, the full house had to be split 3 ways, and in another game there was a call for bingo that was loud enough to bring down the roof, which created a lot of laughter, the only thing was that it turned out to be a false call.

Yet again, the jackpot failed to go off within the required 60 ball and will jackpot for our final game of the year and hopefully it will go off, so that it does not need to be carried over to next year.



The Bingo Page - 2



Bingo played on the 7th of December, the last game before our summer break.

Today the 7/12/2022, was the last game for the year and we kicked off with coffee and a cake supplied by our sponsor the Dutch Society Neerlandia and that was well received by all. Two new Members in Bert and Margaret Baltes joined us for the first time today.

We had a total of 39 players for the day and we had two players that played for free, they were Margaret Baltes (one of our first-timers) and Nelia Pumphrey.

The Cadbury Favorite Chocolates went to Ida van der Kooij and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to John Norder. The \$25:00 bonus game went to Jo van Gentevoort. Congratulations to all our winners.

In game two, there was a very loud groan from Henk Uyen, when 18 was called out, when he needed 17. But the caller obliged and the very next ball was 18, to which he gave an even louder cheer.

In game three Dirk Heistek also won on ball 17, that hasn't happened here before. Henk Oorschot and Janice Raffaele won in 60 balls, in all there were three games that went off in less than 61 balls.

But the jackpot failed to go off within the required 61 balls and it will carry over to 2023!!!!!!

On behalf of John and my self we thank you all for your support throughout the year. Without you, we would not have the enjoyment and laughter and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2023.

Your Hosts: John Zwartkruis & Lou James.

Enquiries to John:- 0434 620 252 or Lou:- 0427 018 777

An Important Remembrance

The Watersnood from 31-January-1953, Now 70 years ago.

The worst natural disaster experienced in the Netherlands during the 20th Century, was the tidal flood and inundation from the North Sea, which affected many parts of Zeeland, west Noord-Brabant, Zuid-Holland, and Noord-Holland. This happened on the 15th birthday of Princess Beatrix, 31 January 1953. That is now 70 years ago. This Natural Disaster caused the deaths of 1,836 people, with a further 40 people losing their lives days after this disaster. From an agriculture aspect, the entire affected regions saw the loss of more than 200,000 Cows, Horses, Pigs, Chickens, and other livestock. More than 200,000 hectares of good agricultural land was now soaked in salt water and rendered unsuitable for growing anything. Damage to property meant that 3,000 homes were destroyed as well as 300 farms. Another 40,000 homes and 3,000 farms were damaged.

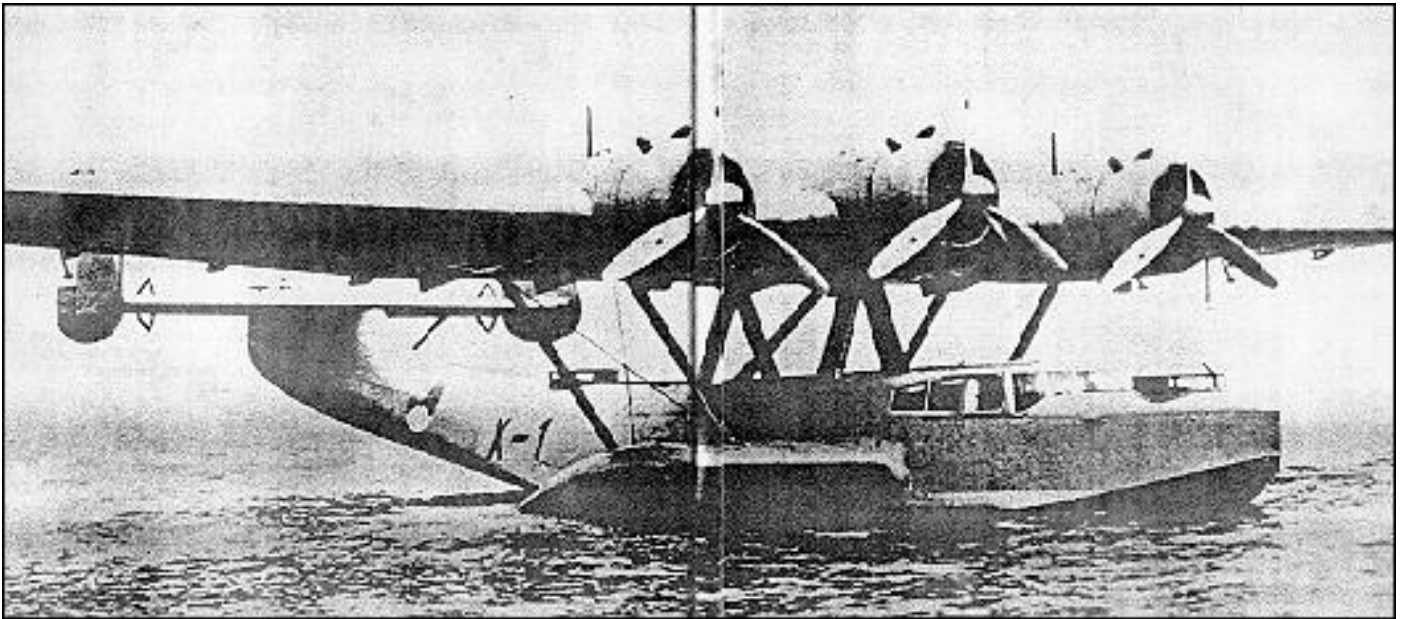


An exhibition is being put together about this Natural Disaster and immigration of the Dutch to Australia after the end of World War Two. The reasons for migration are always many. However, sometimes these are forced onto people through circumstances that were unforeseeable. The loss of your home or farm, together with everything that goes with that through this natural disaster, could for some people have been a compelling reason to seek a better future in a different country.

The Bombing of Broome.

Following the fall of Singapore in February 1942, many Dutch, especially Women & Children, took flight and left Indonesia and headed for the safer shores of Australia. Many flying boats loaded with refugees landed in Broome in late February to early March 1942.

An Important Remembrance



**16 Flying boats were destroyed in Roebuck Bay,
quite a few loaded with refugees from Java.**

It was on the 3rd of March 1942, Broome was bombed by the Japanese, with several Dutch refugees still staying on these flying boats, which caused many to lose their lives. This brought World War II right onto the WA Doorstep. The exhibition will also include this traumatic event, as it illustrates another reason why migration became a necessity for many.

The Dutch Ambassador to Australia is being asked to open this exhibition, expected to be the 1st or 2nd of March 2023 in the WA Museum.

The exhibition will follow through with the consequences of this natural disaster. That is, the Delta Project. Of course Australia suffered its own natural disasters this past year.

Through this exhibition we hope to inform the Australian public, that these Natural Disasters can be prevented from reoccurring. However, the need to take such very serious measures, needs to be awakened in the public eye.

Are you a survivor of the “Watersnood” in 1953?

We are looking to talk to anyone who experienced this traumatic event in 1953. It could be that you were a child at the time, and simply came along with your family. Your story is important. Maybe you have recollections or memories about this awful experience. If you have a story to tell over this natural disaster, then we would like to hear from you. Your story can be added to this exhibition so that people can see how badly people suffered.

\doctor Nonja Peters, author of “A touch of Dutch” and other works related to the link between the Netherlands and Australia, is involved in putting together this exhibition. She will conduct an interview with you in order to bring your story to life.

If you are a survivor of the “Watersnood”, please contact John (Jan) Zwartkruis, President, Dutch Society of WA Inc. via terjohnz@gmail.com.

Report on the 2022 Neerlandia Christmas Lunch

Another outstanding Christmas Lunch held on 27 November 2022.

As you read this, it is now more than 2 months ago that we celebrated our Christmas Lunch.

Just like it was in 2021, it was a celebration to remember. There were just over 140 Members, guests, and friends who had the most enjoyable time. We had advertised it as having some surprises and they were certainly delivered.

The first surprise was a delightful placemat on the table. There were 12 different pictures spread around each table. Each one also carried a message from the Neerlandia Committee. The second surprise was a pen with "Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA Inc, Perth WA embossed on it. Members were allowed to take both these items home.

The President of Neerlandia, Jan Zwartkruis welcomed everyone and introduced the Hon. Consul from The Netherlands, Anthony Willinge, four Members of the Rhein Donau Club in Pamela Millar, Secretary; Steve Schlegel, Vice President; Martin Engel, Treasurer and Annette Guttmann, Front Office.

The Dutch Singers then performed for about 15 minutes singing some well-known Christmas Carols with the audience encouraged to join in, which they did.

This set the scene for the day and put everyone into that Christmas spirit.

Then Entrée was served, and everyone received either a Prawn Cocktail or a Vole-au-vaunt with Chicken Mornay.

When Entrée was finished, another surprise was introduced. Every table was provided with quiz questions, which consisted of 3 laminated sheets, making 6 pages of photos of famous places around the world. A short introduction to each photo was provided and Members were asked to name the sight and for some, also in which city you would find this icon. This proved to be a big topic of conversation with questions



The Hon. Consul from The Netherlands, Anthony Willinge, and Pamela Millar, Secretary of the RDC.



The Dutch Singers got the audience involved.

Report on the 2022 Neerlandia Christmas Lunch



Henry and John with the Travel Quiz Prize Winners. Margaret Baltes (on the right) won the 1st Prize and Joke Leeftang (on the left) won the 2nd prize. Connie van Emden (Centre) won the Booby prize.

amongst family and friends, to see if any-one could identify the photo.

Just before the Main course, the answer sheets were collected and 5 of our young members were tasked with marking the answers from the answer sheet provided to them. This continued during the Main Course and the winners were soon identified with Margaret Baltes being declared the winner and Joke Leeftang, with only 1 correct answer less, coming in second place.

Both received a worthwhile gift voucher to spend as they please.

The Choir performed a few more Christmas
(continued on page 14)



Above just 1 of the 12 placemats with Anton Pieck pictures.

Our Placemats were so popular that we have resolved to reprint more if we have sufficient requests. You must order the whole set of 12 for a mere \$15.00. If you would like to order your set of 12 placemats, please contact either: Henry Koldenhoven on henri.k@bigpond.com or phone 9459 4180 OR John Zwartkruis on terjohnz@gmail.com or 0434 920 252

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Carols and a couple were sung in three languages, Dutch, German & English. The verses for the songs were left on the tables so that people could join in, especially so if they had forgotten the words.

Whilst Dessert was being served, we held our raffle. And, boy, oh boy, what a raffle it was. Lots of Dutch goodies were given away such as Stroopwafels, Jars of HAK Red Cabbage or Sauerkraut, De Ruyter Hagelslag, Tins of Speculaas, Boxes of Drop, Bokkepootjes and of course, bottles of Zwarte Kip Advocaat.

The Edelweiss Hall had been decorated so very nicely by our faithful volunteers Hannie & Toon Kamps. They ensured the tables were set and decorated, and helped with the wall decorations, to give it that Dutch atmosphere.

All in all, it was an exhausting day for our volunteers, but all our efforts were totally worth it. It had been another huge success and our Members felt entertained, had lots of laughs, enjoyed a great meal in good company of family and friends.



Report on the 2022 Neerlandia Christmas Lunch

Over and above their beautiful placemat and pen, many also left with a raffle prize. It was gratifying to see members leave with a beautiful smile on their face and a warm glow in their heart.

Text Jan Zwartkruis, Photos Piet Leeflang.



In Memoriam

Passed away on the 2nd of December

Lynne Smit

Member of Neerlandia

Sincere condolences to Henk Smit &
family, from the Neerlandia
Committee and the many Sub-Clubs.

Passed away on the
26th of December

Corrie van Ryt

Long-time Member of the Neerlandia
Card Club and Sunday Drive

Sincere condolences to her family
from the Neerlandia card Club and the
Neerlandia Committee and
its Members.

Passed away on the 6th of January

Bill van der Heiden

Long-time Member of Neerlandia and
Long-term Member of
the Seniors' Club.

Sincere condolences to Nel and her
family from the Neerlandia Committee
and its Members.

**The following Members will
celebrate their Birthday
during the month of
February 2023. We wish
them all a very Happy
Birthday.**

John	Ottes
Janice	Rafaele
John	Pericles
Marina	Bull
John	Zwartkruis
Hazel	Potts
Tony	Deurloo
Elly	Schenkelaars
Adeline	Van Dijk
Alida	Reitzenstein
Sandra	de Lange
Henk	Broerse
John	van Dijk
Melanie	Verheggen
Jody	Haze
Jenny	Kievit
Thijs	Gorter
Joke	Loverly
Tinie	Deugd
Ida	van der Kooij

If your birthday is not
mentioned, or you would like
to change the details, that can
be arranged.

To make changes you need to
send an E-mail to the editor:

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NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

John Cavuoto

Aphorism - a pithy observation which contains a general truth.

♦ I read that 4,153,237 people were married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

♦ I find it ironic that the colours red, white and blue stand for freedom, until they are flashing behind you.

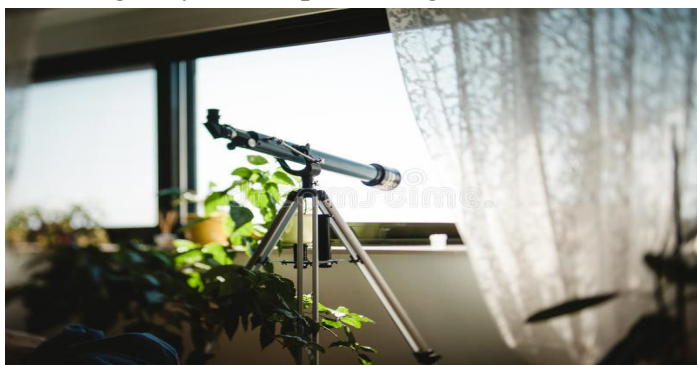
♦ When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their bodies. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

♦ Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

♦ You know that tingly little feeling you get when you love someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

♦ My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

♦ I think my neighbour is stalking me as she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.



♦ Money talks

but all mine ever says, is good-bye.

♦ You're not fat, you're just easier to see.

♦ If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

♦ I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say: "Here, fill this out?"

♦ The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can go in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.

♦ Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch.

EDITORIAL.

To get a month off, free from those worries to get our magazine to the printer in time, resulted that I feel refreshed and ready to tackle another year.

The events calendar, made up for the Members by Neerlandia's President John Zwarkruis and it was distributed together with the December issue of the magazine, was a brilliant initiative. It reduces the E-mails and phone calls by Members about dates or details of Functions and Events.

This seems a small issues, but they all take time to deal with. And time is precious when dealing with deadlines. Now Members can look for themselves into the Events Calendar and find most of the answers they are looking for.

Our aging Membership causes many of us to regularly visit funerals cremations to say a last farewell to life-long friends and acquaintances.

However, despite losing quite a few Members and of course the Covid lockdown, our Membership numbers still are encouraging.

How come, one may ask.

Attracting new Members is the answer!

The attendances at our sponsored Lunches is growing and even the Membership of the Sub-Clubs, such as the Bingo, the Seniors, the Dutch Singers and the Card Club seem to be increasing. As pointed out by our President in his address, a new Member, who attends 2 or 3 sponsored, subsidized Events, would have saved their annual Membership.

All Members do have a small responsibility to encourage non-Members to come along to events and if they like them, help to sign them up as a Member.
Pieter Leeftang, Editor.

The Neerlandia Card Club's competition results

Card Club Break-up Night.

On the 8th of December 22, the Neerlandia Card Club held their break-up night. Everyone played friendly games until 9pm, when the tables were re-arranged, the bar opened up and plates with nibbles were placed on the tables. Everyone had also been given a free drink voucher for the bar, which was manned by Piet Leeftang and Piet Segers. Was quite busy for a while, but once everyone had their drink, it was time for the disclosure of the competition results and hand out the prizes.

The results of the 3rd Klaverjas competition of 2022.

This competition ran over 15 weeks. Midway through this competition we got 3 new Members, but a couple of them joined too late to participate in the competition. Another existing Member underwent back surgery and missed all year, but she will resume playing in 2023.

This left only 10 active players for the whole competition.

In the beginning the leader of the competition changed almost weekly.

There was a very close battle between Henk Smit and Joke Leeftang (both held the 1st place 4 times).

But then Piet Leeftang struck a purple patch. He ran away to a 2,500 points advantage and his motto was, catch me if you can.

The other players almost did as both Piet and Joke were struck down by Covid and missed a few games.

But in the end Piet Leeftang was a clear winner, however it was very close between 2nd and 3rd, a difference of 253 points between 2nd and 3rd finish

The prize winners were.

Klaverjassen:

Piet Leeftang	71080 points
Freda Hovingh	70249 points
Piet Segers	69996 points

Marsen Prize:

Piet Leeftang	27 Marsen (NE)
Margaret Bosland	26 Marsen

(N.E.= Not eligible, as a player can only win one prize)

The Average Score Prize:

The average score was 65816 points.

Closest to that score to win the prize was:
Joke Brussaard with 65984 points

The Bolivia Prize:

Tilly Stulcbauer

Once the prizes were handed out, the players continued their social activities, but all too soon it was time to go home.

But there was one other surprise still to come.

Christmas Hampers. The players got a paper bag, we are trying to look after the environment, filled with goodies, mainly Dutch products, including a bottle of Zwarte Kip Advocaat.

Then it was time to wish one another Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and then everyone went happily on their way, to meet again on the 26th of January 2023.

The final positions of the top 10 players for the 3rd competition of 2022.

1st	Piet Leeftang	71080 points
2nd	Freda Hovingh	70249 points
3rd	Piet Segers	69996 points
4th	Joke Leeftang	68815 points
5th	Henk Smit	68598 points
6th	Margaret Bosland	68369 points
7th	Marina Bull	66630 points
8th	Jan Zwartkruis	66305 points
9th	Joke Brussaard	65948 points
10th	Keith Vermeulen	65565 points

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Results of the December Sunday Drive.

This was held on Sunday the 6th of December 22.

The attendance was not as good as we had hoped for but there were excuses.

Life can be very hectic a few weeks before Christmas and quite a few players apologized for their absence, as they had family or other commitments for the day.

But we still had 10 players that did show up. This meant 2 tables + 2 spare players.

Sunday Drive and Snooker Club news

This problem was solved when Jan Zwartkruis and Piet Segers agreed to share one spot, as did Joke and Piet Leeftang. This meant that those 4 players only played two games each, instead of the customary 4. The Karl's Bar had already been decorated and these colourful decorations gave the event a cozy Christmas atmosphere.

At arrival the players were treated with a cup of Coffee and slices of Christmas Stollen, buttered of course.

After 2 games it was Lunch time and the Cheese and Salad Buns provided by the local Subway Shop were excellent.

After lunch it was time to play another two games, count up the scores and hand in the completed lists.

The competition itself was tight and the results were in doubt until the very last scores were handed in.

Freda, the eventual winner, made a staggering 474 points in the very last 2 games of the 4th round, which catapulted her into the first position by about 200 points.

Besides that unexpected rush by Freda, there was only a difference of 4 points between the second and third placegetters.

The Winners were:

1st	Freda Hovingh	6790 points
2nd	Betina Tonkin	6593 points
3r	Thea Stroop	6598 points



The winners. From l.t.r.: Freda Hovingh, 1st prize; Thea Stroop, 3rd prize and Bettina Tonkin, 2nd prize.

Congratulations to the winners and we hope to see you all, plus a few others, on **Sunday the 5th of February for the first Sunday Drive of 2023.**

Please put the above date in your Diary and remind others.

The 2023 competition year.

In 2023 there will be three competitions held.

The 1st and 3rd competition will be over 15 weeks and the 2nd one will run over 16 weeks .

Our annual Wind-up night will take place on Thursday the 14th of December 2023.

I also have to remind all the players that the 2023 Neerlandia Membership Fees are due as well.

Also, every player who participates in the Sub-Clubs as well as the Sunday Drives, **will have to be a financial Members of the Dutch Society Neerlandia**, as Neerlandia not only sponsors the events, but also pays the rent, so that we can use the facilities at the Rhein Donau Club.

Newcomers are allowed to participate as a guest player 3 times, but then they will have to make up their mind, become a Member or not!

Piet Leeftang, President

The Dutch (Hollandia) Snooker Club.

The snooker players will resume their activity on Monday morning the 30h of January.

With 2 Snooker table available to play on, we expect to see all our players there.

Piet Leeftang, President .

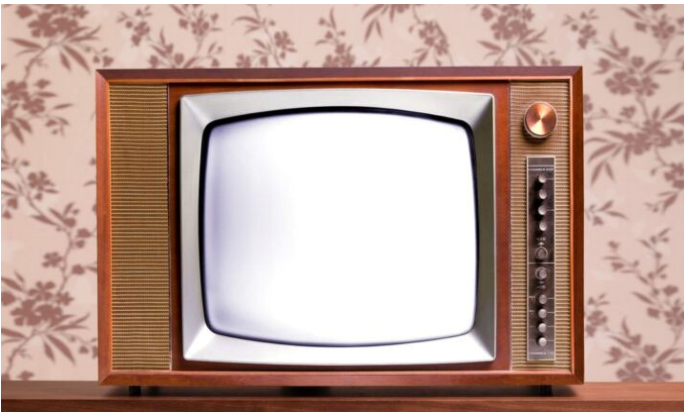


Grandma's Boyfriend.

One day, a 7-year-old boy went to visit his grandmother.

Playing with his toys in her bedroom while grandma was dusting, he looked up and said: "Grandma, why don't you have a boyfriend now that grandpa went to heaven?"

Grandma replied: "Honey, my TV set is my boyfriend. I can sit in my bedroom and watch it all day long. The programs make me feel good and the comedies make me laugh.



I'm happy to have it as my boyfriend."

Grandma turned on the old brick of a TV and the reception was terrible.

She started to thump the back of it, hoping to fix the problem.

The little boy heard a knock on the door, so he hurried to open it and it was his mum, coming to collect him.

His mother asked: "Where is Grandma?"

The little boy replied: "She's in the bedroom spanking her boyfriend!"

An elderly lady and a very crowded bus.

An elderly lady boarded a very crowded bus and, as all the seats were taken, she stood in the middle aisle.

A young man began to get up but she shook her head and gently sat him back down.



"No thank you, sonny, I can stand," she said.

A few minutes later he tried to rise again.

"No, no, thank you!" she said

pushing him back again, a bit more forcefully this time.

The man let out an audible groan and finally piped up: "Please let me get up, lady. I'm already two blocks past my stop now."

Wanting more than Candy.

The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when Emily, a young lady aged about 20 years old walked up and sat on his lap.



Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her: "What do you want for Christmas?"

"Something for my mother please," replied Emily sweetly.

"Something for your mother? Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you," smiled Santa.

"What would you like me to bring her?"

Without turning a hair Emily answered:

"A son-in-law."

The Library Book.

A man stormed up to the front desk of the library and said:



"I have a complaint!"

"What about, Sir?"

"I borrowed a book last week

and it was horrible!"

"What was wrong with it?"

"It had way too many characters and there was no plot whatsoever!"

The librarian nodded and said: "Ah. So you must be the person who took our phone book".

A Car for Christmas.

Danny had recently passed his driving test and decided to ask his clergyman father if there was any chance of him getting a car for Christmas, which was yet some months away.

"Okay," said his father, "I tell you what I'll do. If you can get your 'C' level grades up to A's and B's, study your bible and get your hair cut, I'll consider the matter very seriously."

A couple of months later Danny went back to his father who said: "I'm really impressed by your commitment to your studies. Your grades are excellent and the work you have put into your bible studies is very encouraging. However, I have to say I'm very disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut yet."

Danny was a smart young man who was never lost for an answer.

"Look Dad. In the course of my bible studies, I've noticed in the illustrations that Moses, John the Baptist, Samson and even Jesus had long hair."

"Yes. I'm aware of that..." replied his father. "But did you also notice they walked, wherever they went?"

The only cow in a small town in Ireland stopped giving milk.

Then the town folk found they could buy a cow in Scotland quite cheaply. So, they brought the cow over from Scotland. It was absolutely wonderful.

It produced lots of milk every day and everyone was happy.

They bought a bull to mate with the cow to get more cows so they'd never have to worry about their milk supply again.



They put the bull in the pasture with the cow, but whenever the bull tried to mount the cow, the cow would move away.

No matter what approach the bull tried, the cow would move away from the bull and he was never able to do the deed. The people were very upset and decided to go to Chris the Vet, who was very wise, to tell him what was happening and ask for his advice.

They explained: "Whenever the bull tries to mount our cow, she moves away.

If he approaches from the back, she moves forward.

When he approaches her from the front, she backs off.

If he attempts it from the one side, she walks away to the other side."

Chris rubbed his chin thoughtfully and pondered this before asking: "Did you by chance, buy this cow in Scotland?"

The people were dumbfounded, since no one had ever mentioned that they had brought the cow over from Scotland.

"You are truly a wise Vet," they said.

"How on earth did you know we got the cow from Scotland?"

Chris the Vet replied, with a distant look in his eye: "My wife's from Scotland."

How do you want your Pie cut?

A man went into a local cafe and asked for a pie.

"Shall I cut it for you?" said the waitress.

"Yes, please," said the man.

"How many pieces would you like?" asked the waiter.

"Four or six?"

"Better make it four.

I don't think I can eat six!"



The fortified Harbour of Hellevoetsluis



Flag & Coat of Arms, Hellevoetsluis.

Hellevoetsluis is a small City in the Western Netherlands. It can be found in Voorne-Putten, South Holland, and it borders the Haringvliet Waterway. It is close to the sea, the beach and dunes. It also lies on the edge of the Europoort area, one of the largest Ports in the world. On 1 January 2023, it was merged with the former Municipalities of Brielle and Westvoorne to form a new Municipality called Voorne aan Zee.

History:

The area has been settled since before Roman times and was concentrated around a body of water called the "Helle" River, which disappeared over time.



The fortified harbour now serves as a marina for Boats and Yachts.

Hellevoetsluis has been one of the most important ports for the Dutch Navy for three centuries. From here, the Dutch merchant fleet was protected and naval battles took place at times to defend the mouth of the Maas and access to the Rotterdam region.

In later years the port was fortified more and more and Hellevoetsluis, therefore, became a uniquely fortified Port.

The Voorne Canal was built in 1830 from Hellevoetsluis to Nieuwesluis (near Heenvliet) and made

Hellevoetsluis an outpost of Rotterdam. It was a period when the Town grew and flourished; the shipping industry provided prosperity.

In the first half of the 20th century, however, Hellevoetsluis went into decline.

Ocean-going ships became too large to use the canal and the Nieuwe Waterweg was dug, making the Canal through Voorne redundant. The naval base was relocated to Den Helder in the 1930s and the Government shipyard was closed. However, after World War II, Hellevoetsluis once again started to flourish. The population doubled in the 1970s. Today 43,000 inhabitants live in modern houses with abundant green areas nearby. It is home to many commuters working in Europoort or in Rotterdam.

During the flood of 1953, Hellevoetsluis was inundated and after this flood, **the Netherlands implemented the "Deltawerken", a vast plan that put in place sea-defenses such as barriers to protect the vulnerable lands in the Meuse-Rhine river delta.**

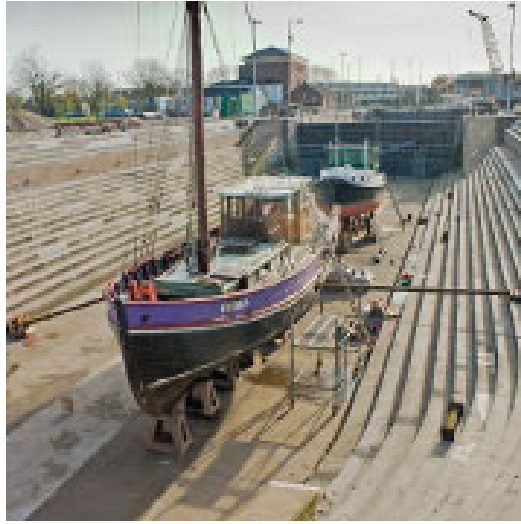


De Haringvliet barrier to the North Sea from Hellevoetsluis has sluices for boats and also openings for migrating fish to pass through.

The fortified Harbour of Hellevoetsluis



The City Hall.



The Jan Blanken Drydock.



The Water Tower.

City Monuments:

The City is home to several buildings from the 16th-19th Centuries that are listed monuments. Among these are the "Admiraliteitsgebouw" (City Hall), Windmill "de Hoop", Drydock Jan Blanken and the City's Water Tower.

Admiralty Building:

King Willem III stayed here before leaving to England in 1688. Presently it is used as the City's Town Hall.

The Drydock:

The building of the Jan Blanken Drydock was started in 1802, but it was not completed until 1823 and was officially opened. It served the Dutch Navy until 1850, when it became too small for the newest Navy Ships. A larger drydock was built at Den Helder in North Holland and the navy moved there as well. Presently the Drydock is still in use for smaller boats and yachts.

The Water Tower:

Water was brought to Hellevoetsluis by the Dutch Navy for many years, but in 1894 it threatened to stop this service. The City then built this 22 meter high water tower to serve the population.

Water Sports:

Hellevoetsluis is one of the largest water sports centers in the Country. There are 2,000 mooring places, spread over five harbours. With such a broad expanse of water as the Haringvliet and the North Sea close by, it is popular with water sports lovers and the Haringvliet is being used increasingly for national and international water sports events.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



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CODE WORD PUZZLE

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and it was difficult to find the first 3 words.

But once the word: **Staccato, Saboteur and Abject** were found, the rest became much easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:

A=6; B=17; C=19; D=25; E=26; F=9; G=15; H=7; I=22; J=20; K=16; L=11; M=5; N=3; O=21; P=24; Q=14; R=23; S=13; T=2; U=18; V=8; W=12; X=10; Y=1; Z=4.

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

This puzzle looked easy as the first word was a easy. But that was false hope. Then you had to find the words **Terrific, Corridor and Offshore**, before you were on your way.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:

A=2; B=1; C=5; D=17; E=10; F=24; G=23; H=7; I=8; J=12; K=11; L=6; M=18; N=9; O=20; P=3; Q=14; R=4; S=19; T=26; U=25; V=22; W=13; X=16; Y=21; Z=15.

Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

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CODE WORD PUZZLE.

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle and then start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z.

To find the first three words of last month's Codebreaker was not all that easy.

The first 3 words I found were

Claptrap, Garage and Exchange. Once those 3 words were found, it was still hard to keep going.

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:

A=7; B=26; C=12; D=25;
E=10; F=4; G=13; H=2; I=22;
J=8; K=24; L=15; M=3; N=23;
O=14; P=5; Q=20; R=6; S=9;
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X=21; Y=19; Z=11.

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 981 Easy Puzzle

	4					7	9
2		3		1			
8		5					4
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		4	9		5		
							3
	2	6		5		9	
1				4			8
	8		1	7			

Sudoku 981 Moderate Puzzle

	2		5	3			
			8		6		
1	3	5					
5			9	6	2	1	
				4			
		8					
		1				7	
2			7				
		3				5	2

Last month's Sudoku Easy 980 solution.

3	1	6	8	9	2	4	7	5
4	7	8	1	3	5	6	2	9
9	5	2	4	6	7	3	1	8
7	8	1	5	4	9	2	3	6
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6	9	3	2	7	1	5	8	4
8	6	4	9	1	3	7	5	2
1	2	7	6	5	8	9	4	3
5	3	9	7	2	4	8	6	1

Last month's Sudoku Medium 980 solution.

5	4	7	8	6	9	3	2	1
3	1	8	2	4	7	6	5	9
6	9	2	1	5	3	7	8	4
7	2	5	3	9	1	8	4	6
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9	5	4	6	1	8	2	3	7
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2	8	6	7	3	4	9	1	5

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